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REMINISCENCE OF PETER THE GREAT.
 In the fall of 1717, Peter the Great, who was just returning from France, spent four days in Berlin, residing in the Castle of the queen, Sophia Dorothea. The conqueror of Pultowa was forty-five years of age; twenty years before, in 1696, he had seen Berlin for the first time, when on his way to Saardam as a ship carpenter. The whole of Berlin was on its feet to see the half-mythical barbarian sovereign while making his entrance on Sunday, the 19th of September, 1717. Nature had impressed the stamp of sovereignty on the brow of this man, who not only in his capacity, but also in his appearance, was the greatest monarch of his time. Already full grown when but seventeen years of age, his symmetrical body had attained the height of seven feet one inch, Bavarian measure. His broad, powerful shoulders were surmounted by a massive, well-formed head, with large flashing eyes, high forehead and slightly bowed nose beneath which the pointed mustache corresponded with the by no means small mouth, the full underlip of which gave evidence of great sensuality. A peculiar ornament of the noble head was the dark hair, reaching to the shoulders. Thus Peter the Great was an imposing sight, who, even without the ermine, as a carpenter in Saardam, or as a sailor in London, made a mighty impression. History tells that, during his extraordinary good appetite, he ate six times as much as other human beings.
 On the second day of his being in Berlin, on Monday, September 20, 1717, King Frederick William I., rode with his august guest and a large retinue through the city for the purpose of showing the Russian Emperor the glories of Berlin. They took the Newmarket in the city, where, the gallows stood, that "Brave Frederick" what kind of a machine is that? asked Peter.
 "A gallows for hanging thieves and deserters," answered the king.
 "Indeed! Well, now, it must be a beautiful sight to see a fellow kicking and sprawling there! I am anxious to see the sight. Do procure me this pleasure at once!" cried the czar, with sparkling eyes.
 The king indignantly at such a demand, and yet embarrassed at being obliged to deny his guest any request, answered evasively: "I regret to say that this machine we have no candidate for the gallows, but then I will order an inquiry in the prisoners for to-morrow."
 The czar wrinkled his brow, and his eye glanced over the sea of heads on all sides.
 "But why, this long delay, brother? Here are enough people; let the first one that comes handy be hung for my benefit."
 "Hard a matter as it was for the king to be obliged to refuse his guest a favor, he yet answered with determination, "It is not the practice in this country to hang the first one that comes handy, but only such as have been properly tried and condemned by the judge as malefactors."
 In his heart the king was wishing the ride was over, and the gallows out of sight, but the czar was anxious to see a sight, and it must be very amusing.
 "Is that so?" said he, drawing his words. "Well, I have Russians enough with me. Here, let them hang one of my servants!"
 The king was frightened; but finally his firm and earnest determination succeeded in getting the czar of the notion, and they rode on. And Peter the Great missed the enjoyment of seeing a hanging on the gallows at the Newmarket.
How Grant was First Nominated.
 Colonel Forney publishes in the Sunday Chronicle a remarkable account of the manner in which Grant was first nominated for President. He says Judge Carter and Senator Thayer suggested to him in November, 1867, to write an exhaustive article favoring such a nomination. Forney replies: "I answered that General Grant was not a candidate for President, and did not desire to be, and if I printed it without authority there was little doubt that some super serviceable politician would call upon him and ask him if he had been made a candidate with his sanction. He will of course reply that he never saw the article till it was in print; and so all your schemes to make him President will 'gang agley.' Then Rawlins took it to General Grant and stayed quite a long time. When he returned he said: 'General Grant is quite pleased with your statement of his political record, and surprised that he does not aspire to the place. Eight years from the fourth of March sixty-nine, he will be about fifty-six years old. Of course he must spend his salary as President. England with her Wellington, her Nelson, and her other heroes on land and sea, has never hesitated to enrich and ennoble them through all their posterity. Such